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Subject: RE: Journalists' visit to Portage Creek May 2nd

From Institutes for Journalism and Natural Resources webpage
<http://www.ijnr.org/programs/expeditions.html#expedition1>

Kalamazoo River Institute — Western Michigan

May 1-4, 2013

Application Deadline: Friday, March 8

How to Apply

The Kalamazoo River Institute will cover issues including:

- The Talmadge Creek oil spill of July 2010, the ongoing cleanup, and lessons learned from the first major spill of tar-sands crude on U.S. soil.
- Implications of increased summer droughts predicted in a changing climate and how a region built on non-irrigated agriculture adapts
- Nutrient runoff, non-point source pollution, and water quality
- Algal blooms, low oxygen and invasive species in Midwest lakes
- The Kalamazoo River's history of ruin and renewal
- Institute to be based at Michigan State University's Kellogg Biological Station and take several trips throughout the watershed

From: Rowan, Anne
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 2:02 PM
To: Ruesch, Paul; Borries, Samuel; Karl, Richard; Ballotti, Doug
Cc: Maguire, Andrew; Thomas, Craig; Dollhopf, Ralph; Saric, James; Berkoff, Michael; Ribordy, Michael; Speizman, Elissa; Cannon, Phillippa; Arcaute, Francisco; DeBlasio, Don
Subject: RE: Journalists' visit to Portage Creek May 2nd
Importance: High

All, We need to figure this out very quickly...

Yesterday, Ralph mentioned a request for a upcoming speaking engagement but I didn't realize it involved a group of working journalists (including environment writers from Michigan AP and the Detroit Free Press) until Paul forwarded Hinterhuer's (Institutes for Journalism and Natural Resources) email today.

We need to quickly figure out who at EPA has agreed to what? Then we can figure, what role –if any – EPA should play in tours and/or discussions next week.

- Paul, it sounds like you agreed to give a tour of Portage Creek sit to what you thought were academics and students. Did you agree to be part of a panel discussion as well?
- Mike – Did you agree to give a tour of the Allied site and participate on a panel?
- And Ralph, I know you were approached on both but had not yet responded?

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From: Ruesch, Paul
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Anne / Sam –

We agreed to give a tour of the Portage Creek site to this group thinking it was a local journalism class associated with Western Michigan University. But I just got an itinerary emailed today and it looks like a national group of Fellows associated with national news outlets under the title of 'Kalamazoo River Institute for Journalism & Natural Resources.' They have Portage Creek, Allied Paper (Mike Berkhoff) and Marshall (Ralph Dollhopf) on their itinerary and it looks like they are taking a broad look at the Kalamazoo River and clean-ups. Additional information on the group can be found at - <http://www.ijnr.org/programs/expeditions.html>.

I talked to Ralph today and understand that Anne was deferring to Rick on this. I am hoping that Sam/Jason can bring this up with him next week to get a read on if/how we want to handle this. Ralph is waiting on direction as well and I am not sure about Mike Berkhoff.

Thanks for your attention to this matter, they are scheduled out next Thursday and Friday.

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From: Adam Hinterthuer [<mailto:adamhint@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 10:30 AM
To: Ruesch, Paul
Subject: Journalists' visit to Portage Creek May 2nd

Hi Paul,

I'm just dropping this note to confirm that we're still on with a site visit on May 2nd. I'm attaching our draft itinerary (this is just a working doc, so nothing set until we hand out hard copies to our journalists on opening night).

Let me know where the office is that we'll need to meet at so I can have a sense of where I'm headed before Thursday rolls around. I like to pretend that I know what I'm doing with a van full of journalists in tow!

Thanks and I'm still working on getting in touch with Michael Berkhoff, so any nudging you can do to get an EPA rep to the Allied site tyhat day would be very much appreciated.

All the best,
_Adam

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